

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 60

By Hargrove

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. John H. "Aden" Hendley, Elder of the Francis Marion Hendley branch of the Hendley Family Association, Inc. of Tennessee, on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those special citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Mr. John H. Hendley, who will be celebrating his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley was born in 1926 near Clementsville, the youngest of three children, to the late Willis Aden "Adie" and Mary Daisy Landcaster Hendley, and was the grandson of the late Adin M. and Elizabeth Jane Gentry Hendley; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known to his family and friends as "Aden," Mr. Hendley attended a number of schools during his childhood. He was a pupil at both Chipman and Bethpage schools in Sumner County, at Beech Grove School in Trousdale County, and at Greenhill in Warren County, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in 1943, Aden, his brother, and his brother's family moved to Johnson County in Indiana; but even though they were separated from the rest of their family, they all

remained close in spirit as Aden and his family managed to keep close ties to their Tennessee family roots; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 1950, at the Christian Parsonage in Trafalgar, Indiana, Aden Hendley took as his bride Miss Opal Mae McWhorter, with the Reverend Myron H. Willard officiating the wedding ceremony. From that glorious day, this loving couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love and affection for each other; and

WHEREAS, from this blessed union five children were born, William Haydon Hendley, Freddie Allan Hendley, Sr., Patricia Ann Botts, Sheila K. Hendley, and Sharon Elizabeth Hagan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hendley was employed at Arvin Industries, Inc. in Franklin, Indiana for thirty-six years until his retirement in 1989; and during his employment at Arvin Industries, he served as an intricate part of a skilled workforce. He also contributed to his craft as a member of the Local 2993, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and the AFL-CIO; and

WHEREAS, a supporter of higher education and the great pursuit of knowledge, Aden Hendley has generously contributed to Franklin College of Indiana by initiating a matching donations program through payroll deductions at Arvin Industries; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife have been very active in their community and in various civic projects; they are supporters of the Tennessee Monument Commission, Inc. of Tennessee, as they helped to promote the proper placement of Tennessee's Memorial at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as well as the Anita, Indiana Historical Marker project; and

WHEREAS, Aden and Opal Hendley have been supportive parents of Boy Scout Troop 269 and the Northwood Elementary School PTA; and

WHEREAS, Aden Hendley ascended to the honored position of Elder (the 3<sup>rd</sup>) of the Francis Marion Hendley branch of the Hendley Family Association, Inc. of Tennessee on August 24, 1998; he proudly boasts of having been commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by Kentucky

Governor Paul E. Patton on October 6, 1998, and a Tennessee Ambassador of Goodwill, by Tennessee Governor Don Sundquist on October 24, 1998; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 1998, Aden, his older brother, the late Wilby "Wilber" J. Hendley, and his older sister, the late Jewell Catherine Hendley Medley, were honored by the mayor of Franklin, Indiana, by proclaiming "Hendley Family Day" in Franklin, Indiana; all of Franklin's citizens were called to join city officials in "recognizing the role that this family has played in a group effort to better our community." Tennessee Governor Ned Ray McWherter was quoted on that day of recognition as saying, "It is appropriate, today, that we pause to remember who we are, where we came from, and what we have been taught"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize a native son of Tennessee and the patriarch of the Francis Marion Hendley family on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Mr. John H. "Aden" Hendley, Elder of the Francis Marion Hendley branch of the Hendley Family Association, Incorporated of Tennessee, on the occasion of his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, and extend to him our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.